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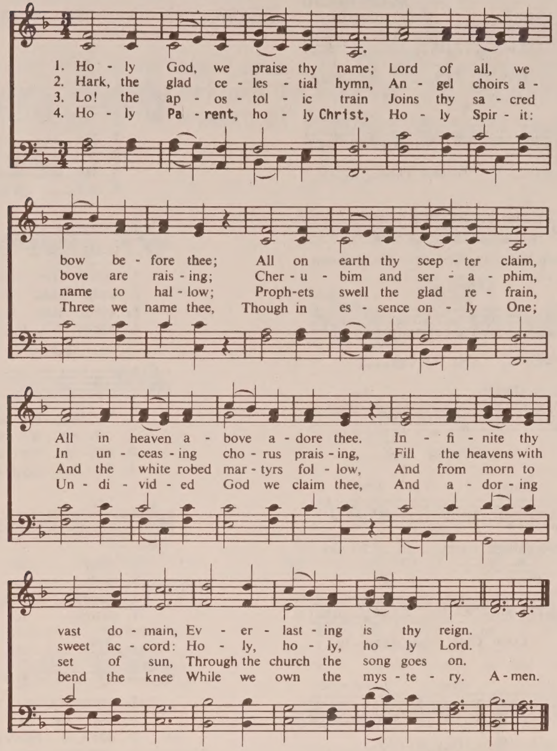

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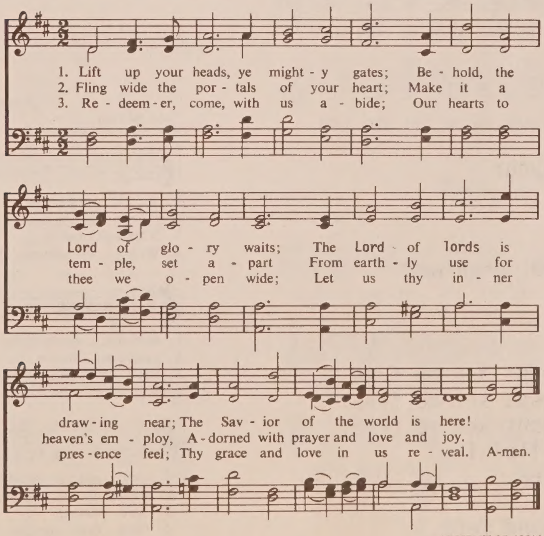

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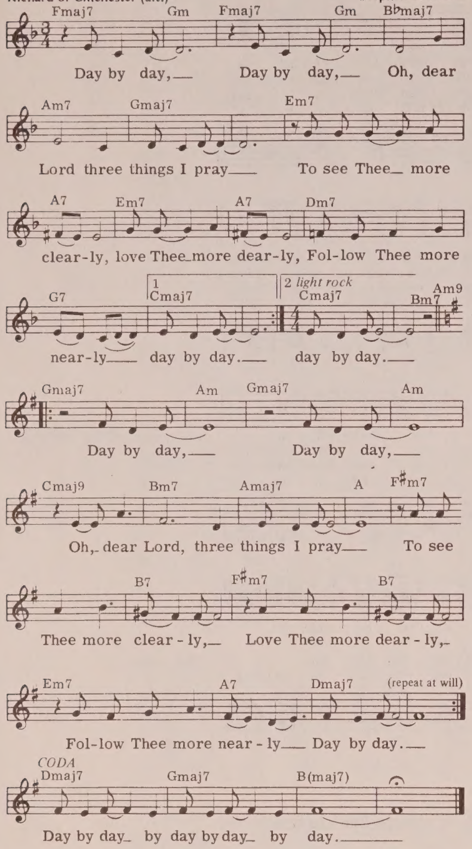

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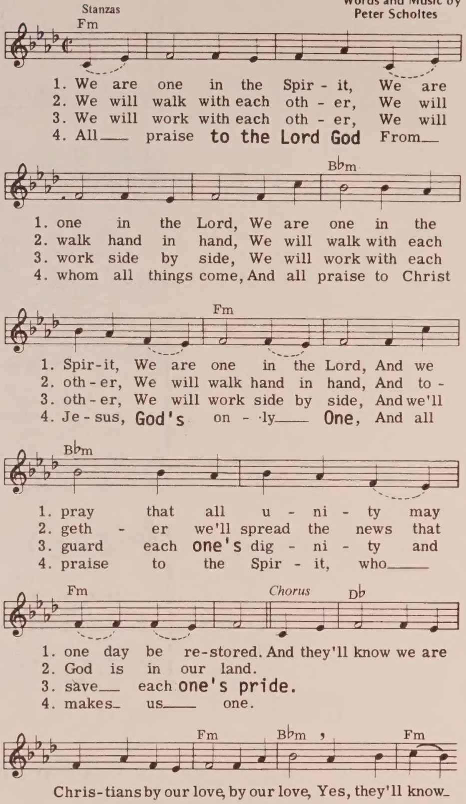

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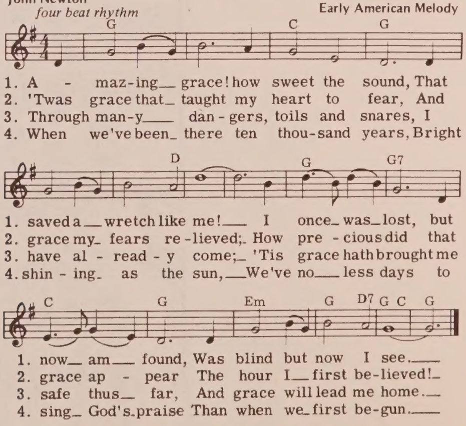

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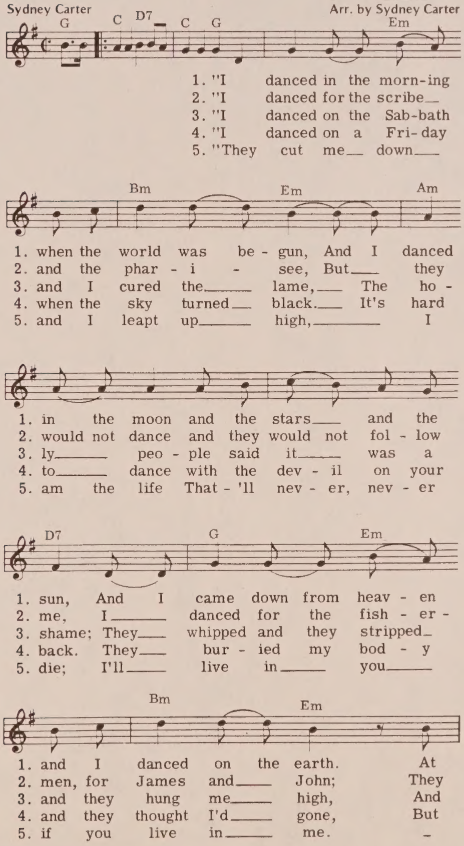

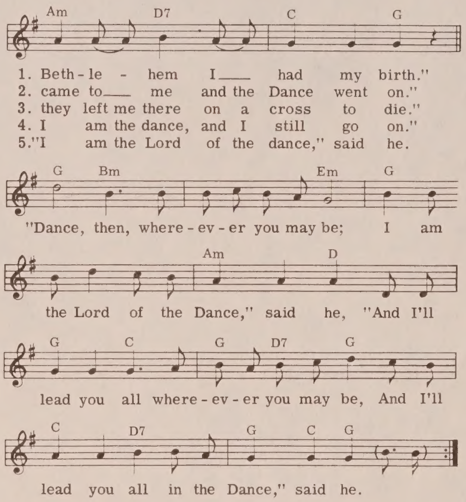

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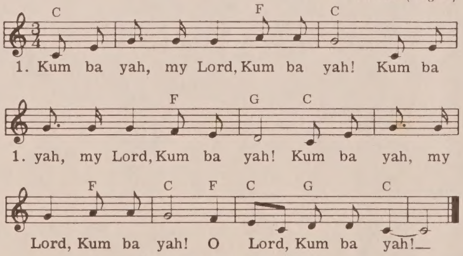

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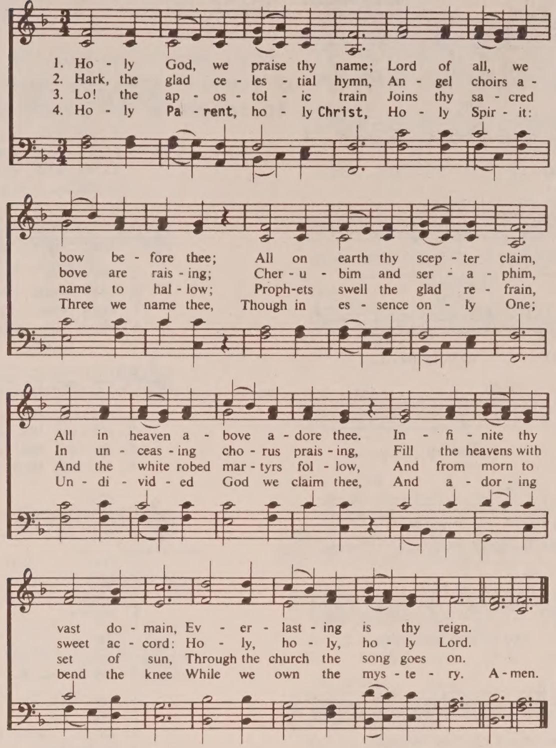

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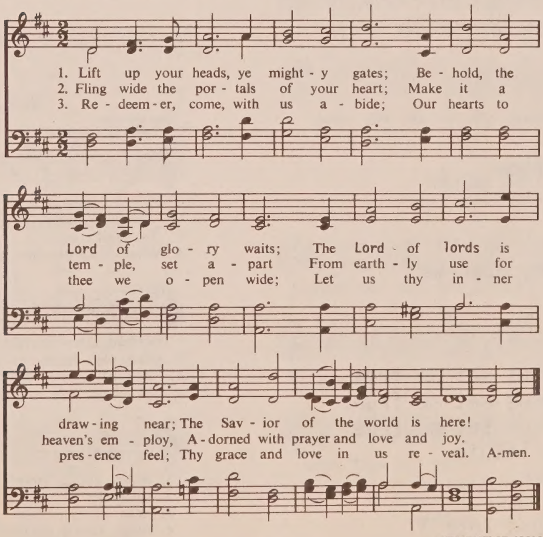

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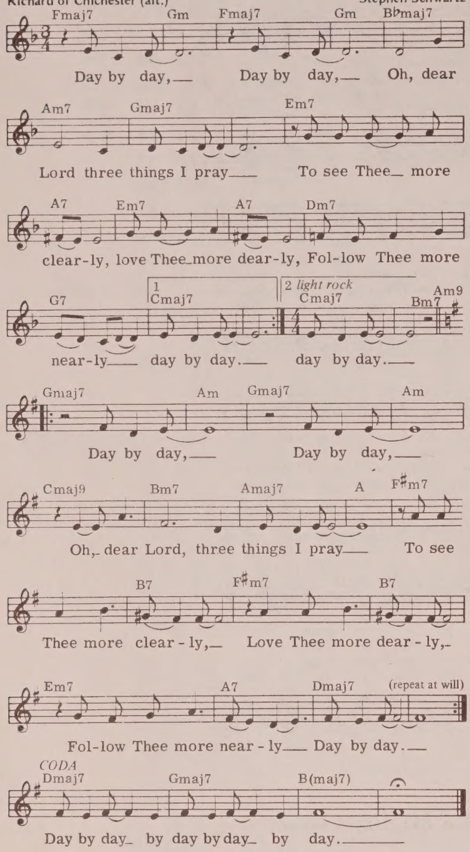

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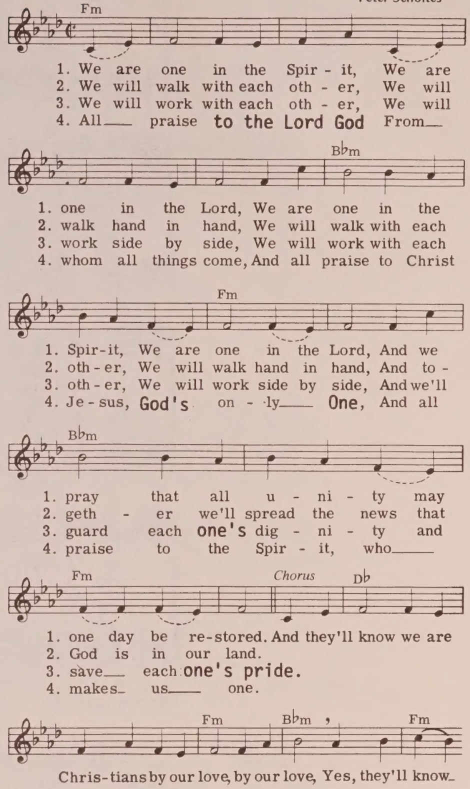

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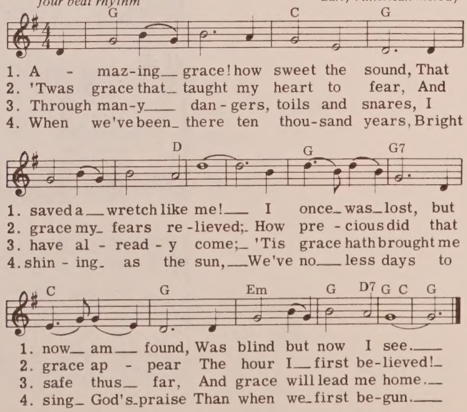

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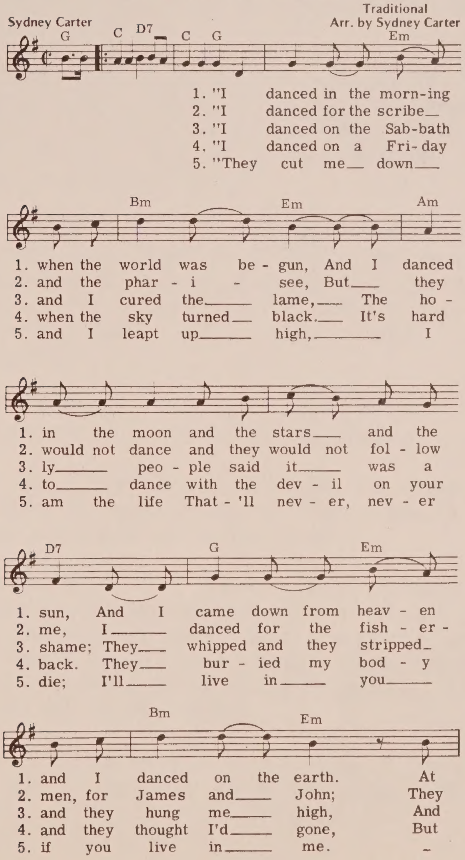

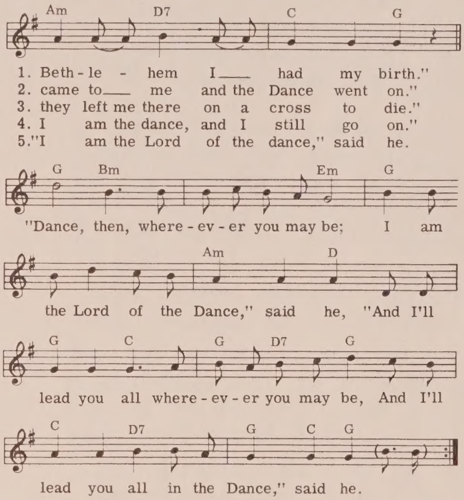

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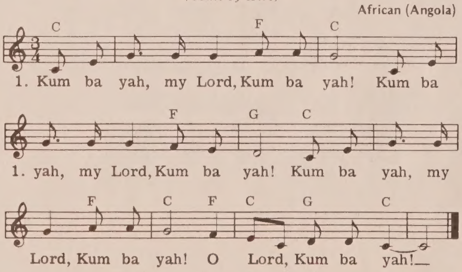

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GOD SEEKS HIS OWN

Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I, even I, will both search My sheep, and seek them out.

As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered;

So will I seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries.

I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers.

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick:

I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause to evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

I will make them and the paces round about my hill a blessing;

I will cause the shower to come down in its season: there shall be showers of blessing.

The tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke.

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THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT

There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, wh walk not after the flesh, but afte the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of lif in Christ Jesus hath made me fre from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh God sending his own Son in the li ness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who wa not after the flesh, but after th Spirit.

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If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spir is life because of righteousness.

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Therefore, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor thin present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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OF GREATER HARRISBURG

Service - Sunday's - 8:00 p.m.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

ORGAN PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

* HYMN: - Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus # 89

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the powers, and the glory for ever, and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 43:9-16

* THE GOSPEL:

St. Mark 1:14-20

* GLORIA PATRI:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

* HYMN: - Christ Receiveth Sinful Men # 50

PASTORAL PRAYER:

* THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

We believe in one God, Creator of all thing, who existed before time began, in whom we have our being. We believe in the Lord Jesus Chirst, God from God, who had being before all things, and who came to live among us, to teach us the Way of Life. But we denied and crucified the Lord who willingly gave up the body to show us what true love is. The Lord overcame sin and death and by that unbounded love prepared a place for us in the Creation of ehirs of the Creator. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who sustains our being, and empowers the members of the Church, by Mercy to be the body of Christ on earth. We look for the establishment of God's glory everywhere and forever.

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SPECIAL MUSIC:

THE MESSAGE:

The Affirmation of Faith

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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

* DOXOLOGY:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavnly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!

THE PEACE:

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:

Silent Confession:

People's Prayers:

General Confession:

God, our Creator, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is so imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy. We have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins;and we have follishly conceived you to be a tyrannt over human live. And we confess that, when life has ill-treated us, we have felt grievance and resentment against you. But since Jesus came among us, we have realized that all this is fantasy, which we have imagined because we did not know you. Jesus has shown us that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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* CLOSING HYMN: - Only Turst Him # 150

* BENEDICATION:

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

* Please Stand

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

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And we pray that all unity will one day be restored
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

God -- Head of our Heavenly Family -- who made all people your children and heirs to your kingdom by the blood of Jesus, forgive us for the many times we forget to care about our brothers and sisters.

Forgive us for being selfish, unconcerned and smug when others are cold, hungry and lonely. Forgive us for being unjust, when you have been not just but merciful to us. Forgive us for our hardness of heart when we would hate those who do not understand us and who are reluctant to love us.

Loosen us up, Lord. Teach us to love, to be just, to be compassionate for often the only experience the world has of You is through us. Forgive us our failures and help us to grow in newness of life.

In Jesus name and example, we pray. Amen.

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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All -- praise to the Lord -- from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Alpha & Omega MCC-Brooklyn, N.Y. will keep many of us away next Sunday -- either on the road or seeing family and friends. Be in prayer for the work of the District and Credentials Committee as Exhorters seek licensing to the ministry and as ministers licensed last year seek additional licenses or ordination.

SUNDAY, May 29th - 5:30 p.m. POT LUCK SUPPER AT CHURCH. We will provide an old-fashioned soup, bread, and coffee. You bring the rest -- salads, deserts, casseroles -- whatever is your specialty. Come and eat with the family! (Family of God -Yes?)

TALENT SHOW - June 4th. DO YOUR THING! See Wayne Sherwood for time and space to display your talent. See Bob Wellington or Bob Stevens if you can supply sponsors for the show. All kinds of help glady accepted.

PICNIC - PICNIC - PICNIC: Summer is here (unless it snows!) and we are planning a Church Picnic for Saturday, June 11th. More later about time and place to meet and where it will be held -- but hold the date.

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CHURCH STAFF

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Exhorters: Christa Herrick, Doug Kandoll, Marge Ragona

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Director of Music: Grove Calkins Organist: Chandler Noyes

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Today we elected a new member of the Vestry and our delegate to District and General Conference. We welcome them to the work of the church.

Keep up your pledge! God does not vacation -- the church's work goes on. Don't let either of them down.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

131 Cambridge Street — Boston, Massachusetts
(617) 523-7664 — Rev. Edward Hougen, Pastor

SINGSPIRATION — ANNOUNCEMENTS — MEDITATION

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn : "Many and Great, O God" #40

Welcome and Announcements

Reading from the Scripture: John 15: 1-11

Sermon: "Energy Source" Rev. Edward Hougen

Hymn: "Lord, I Want To Be a Christian" #286

Corporate Prayers: (Including the Prayer of Confession)
Sung Response: "Hear Our Prayers, O Lord"

An Interpretation of the Lord's Prayer Michael Atwood

Passing of the Peace

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings
Doxology

Communion Hymn: "Here, O My Lord" #326

The Lord's Supper

Sung Thanksgiving:

Now our God is with us, let us make thanksgiving
For the joy within us living
In this holy temple, at this holy table
Hope and life God will enable
Now we leave and believe
That God will restore us, for the work before us.

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn: "Awake, Awake to Love and Work" #190

Benediction

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Join us downstairs for coffee immediately following the service. Meet old friends, greet new ones -- get to know people, let us get to know you if you are new. Introduce yourself to a stranger --you'll both be better for it!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING we began our outreach to the more traditional churches by visiting Old South Congregationalist Church. To those who took part, our thanks. To those who did not, join us next Sunday at Old South's 11:00 a.m. service.

RAP GROUP BEGINS TUESDAY, February 15th with OLDER GAYS + OTHERS acting as resource th. PEOPLE. BOB WELLINGTON MODERATES 7:30 pm r in the green room.

WEDNESDAY, February 16th, Evangelicals Concerned meets. The discussion topic is "The Charismatic Movement." See Russ Niles or Dick Wattson for information and meeting place.

THURSDAY, February 17th, Women's Rap Group meets at Carol and Rosanne's in Roslindale. All women are invited. This week's discussion will be "How to Involve More Women in MCC." See Jean Gralley or one of the women for directions.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY: NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE at Pittsburgh. It is still possible to arrange to attend. See Rev. Hougen for details and registration blank. Cost is $9.00 and includes some food and sleeping arrangements. Transportation is extra.

SUNDAY, February 20th, Ann Ray and Pearl Buckley will be joined in Holy Union during our Sunday service. God bless these women as they begin their journey together with God's blessing.

EXHORTER'S SEMINAR - February 23rd, Wednesday, will be looking at "Homoeroticism in I and II Samuel." Come read and study the literature of the high period of the Israelite monarchy with the study to be led by Rev. Edward Hougen.

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METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

131 Cambridge Avenue 523-7664
Boston, Mass. Sunday, February 13, 1977

Order of Worship

HYMN-SING PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP
OPENING HYMN: #310 "Jesus, We Look to Thee"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 9: 19-23

SERMON: "Getting in Touch" Rev. Edward Hougen

OFFERING
Doxology

THE PRAYERS - Corporate, Confessional, followed by the Lord's Prayer (Our Creator...)

THE PEACE: ("The peace of the Lord be with you ... and also with you...)

COMMUNION HYMN: #326: "Here, O My Lord"

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE SUNG THANKSGIVING:
Now our Lord is with us, Let us make Thanksgiving
For the joy within us living
In this holy temple, at this holy table
Life and hope God will enable.
Now we leave and believe, that God will restore us
For the work before us.

RECESSIONAL: #450 "Thine Is The Glory"

BENEDICTION

Postlude

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Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parlor and narthex. This week and next Sunday, our coffee hour will be on this floor instead of downstairs.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1977

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGSPIRATION! MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP:
L: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
P: Look to God and be radiant; our faces shall never be ashamed.
L: The Angel of the Lord encamps around those that fear God and delivers them.
P: O taste and see that the Lord is good! Happy are we when we seek God's refuge.
Tog: O fear the Lord, you saints, for those who fear God have no want!

OPENING HYMN: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURE Luke 12:1-7, 12
Romans 8:35-39

*GLORIA:
Glory be to the Lord God, and to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SERMON: "The Christian -- According to Linus" Marge Ragona

*HYMN: "It is Well With My Soul"

COMMUNITY PRAYER followed by the Lord's Prayer (Our Creator..
RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayers, O Lord"

SHARING THE PEACE
L: May the peace of Christ be with you.
P: And Also with you.
(Feel free to greet friends, strangers, one another)

WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly hosts.
Praise God and Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH OF PROVIDENCE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, [illegible]

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SILENT PREPARATION   MEDITATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP:
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OPENING HYMN: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES   John 12:1-7, 12
                                                Romans 11:25-[illegible]

*GLORIA
Glory be to the Lord God, and to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

SERMON: "The Christian — Dedicated to Living" [illegible]

*HYMN: "It is Well With My Soul"

COMMUNITY PRAYER followed by the Lord's Prayer (Our Creator...)
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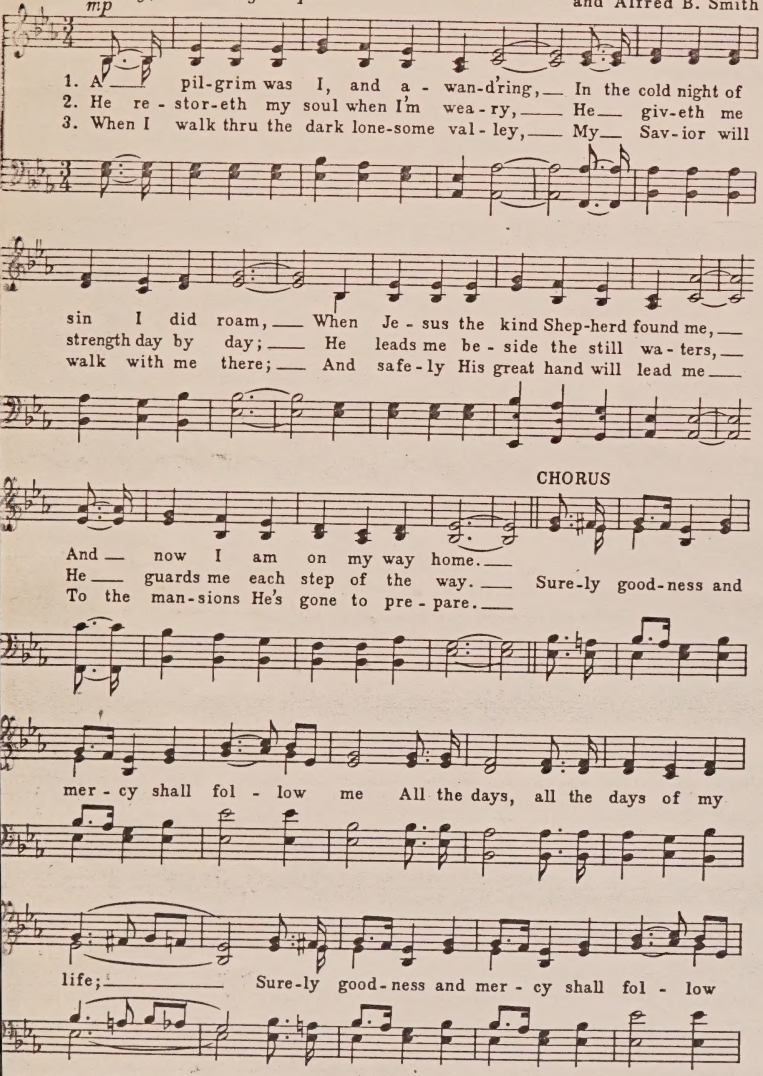
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY

J. W. P. and A. B. S.

John W. Peterson
and Alfred B. Smith

Smoothly, in a steady tempo



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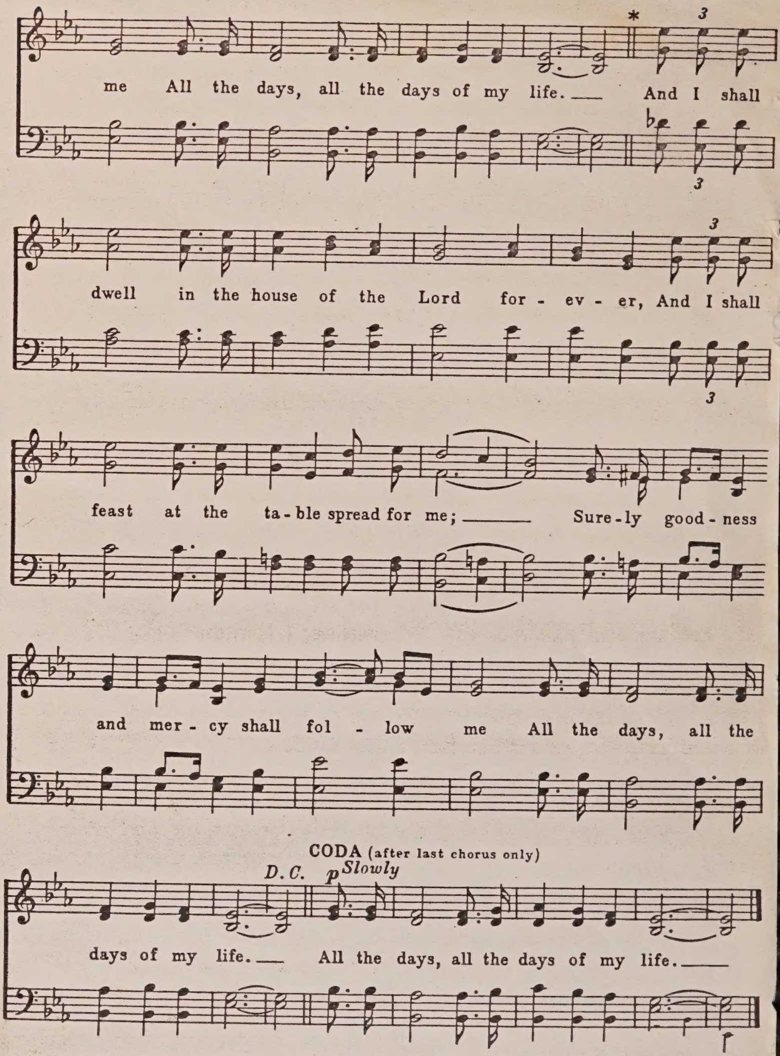

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LOVE

1 Corinthians 13

I may be able to speak the languages of men and even of angels, but if I have not love, my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching; I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets; I may have all the faith needed to move mountains—but if I have not love, I am nothing. I may give away everything I have, and even give up my body to be burned—but if I have not love, it does me no good.

Love is patient and kind; love is not jealous, or conceited, or proud; love is not ill-mannered, or selfish, or irritable; love does

not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up: its faith, hope, and patience never fail.

Love is eternal. There are inspired messages, but they are temporary; there are gifts of speaking in strange tongues, but they will cease; there is knowledge, but it will pass. For our gifts of knowledge and of inspired messages are only partial; but when what is perfect comes, then what is partial will disappear.

When I was a child, my speech, feelings, and thinking were all those of a child; now that I am a man, I have no more use for childish ways. What we see now is like the dim image in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. What I know now is only partial; then it will be complete, as complete as God's knowledge of me.

Meanwhile these three remain: faith, hope, and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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Now, whenever we eat this bread and drink from this cup;
We recall the days when the lord walked this earth with
your beloved people;
We remember especially that night when he proved his love
in one final, total offering, by laying down his life
for his friends .
Living, he taught us how to love;
Dying, he truly set us free...

Therefore, God we gather about this table in the name of your son -
at his own request -
We place here bread and wine - and this the money offering
of your people - simple gifts - signs of our faith in your
world...

We are conscious that this offering of faith is the one
unchangeing sign which links us to ages of Christians
past and yet to come.
All nations rise and fall; as customs and cultures change with
the years, yet, this, you sign will ever remain -
that we will recognize you, the living God - in the
breaking of the bread...

So, we in the Christian Community, O Lord, are those who have
not seen, and yet are called upon to believe this mystery of
faith,
Send over us, we pray, your Holy Spirit -
the Spirit who brings us life; the spirit who helps us love;
the Spirit who makes all that we do not easy, but full of
meaning...

Only with your help can we be the Church of Jesus Christ;
Christ's presence in our community gives more than human
meaning to the support and love which we show to one
another...

As we believe, so let us live.
We pray that all peoples looking on us -your Christian community,
will say to one another in all sincereity -
"See how they love one another?"

And wherever we have walked, the report will go aroung -
that the poor are clothed - the hungry are fed;
the sorrowful comforted; and all of creation proclaims
the wondrous deeds of God.

All these things are possible - God - only in Christ - and with hi[m]
and through him...
for so you are praised and blessed on earth, in union with the
Holy Spirit, today and all days until eternity...AMEN...

INVITAITON TO THE LORD"S TABLE: Today, let us approach this table - not for ourselves but for some that are considered the least of His Children...

I AM THE VINE

I am the vine, and you are the branches -
Abide in me, as I in you, we shall be one in love -

I give my life like wine to drink,
I give my love like bread to eat -
I give myself like food for you -
I give myself like food for you -

Many the grains but one in bread -
Many the grapes - but one in wine -
Many are you - but one in me -

Unless the seed fall in the ground -
and give their life like me for you -
would you ever rise again -

There are lepers in the street -
blind men calling out your name -
Can you drink the cup I give?

I give my life for those I love -
You say that you are one of these -
Would you let me die alone?

I see my friends everywhere -
you see their faces in my eye,
Can you see my tears of love???

For it was his friends that he gathered around him on The nite before he was to be betrayed by a kiss from a friend - to undergo the suffering that he had chosen for himself - when he took bread and after giving thanks, He blessed it - broke it and gave it too his friends saying - Take and eat for this is my body which is broken for you and for many...

It was in a like manner that when the meal was finished that Jesus took a cup and again after giving thanks - he blessed the cup - and in blessing it he filled it with himself and his holy spirit and said, take and drink for this is my blood - the blood of the new and ever living Covenant which is shed for you and for many for the re-mission of sins - so often as you shall do this - do it to recall me into your presence...

EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS: CONCELEBRATION

Ms. Shelly Hamilton
Reverend Dee Jackson
Reverend Michael Nordstrom

CANNON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Blessed are you, God for the marvelous gift of creation -
All the things you made, you saw were good,
And you placed them at the service of your people...

But, not content to give us dominion over material things alone -
Your Spirit moved over the face of the water -
and you wrote your law upon our hearts -
You fashioned us in your image -
And so filled us with your Holy Spirit -
That we might find in created things - and in ourselves -
A way to know and love you - the creator of all that is good...

This law, which the Spirit has written on our hearts -
was ratified in a special way in the Covenant made
with your chosen people:
You were to be their God; we were to be your people.
Your law was not a burden to us - but a pledge -
a promise of your steadfast love...

So, today, mindful of this gift of the Spirit in creation,
and recalling the love you showed in making the first
Covenant with us - we gather about your altar to voice
our thanks, and we unite ourselves with all you have
or will send to our care and keeping...

When your people proved false to the first Covenant,
when they turned their backs on your love,
and made your law a burden,
Then did your Spirit speak through the mouths of the prophets,
to call them to a change of heart, and to announce the
promise of a new Covenant in the Spirit...

That Covenant has become a reality in these days - our days -
For, in the fullness of time, the Holy Spirit appeared once more
to overshadow a virgin, and to bring unto the world -
your only begotten son, Jesus...

He it is who fulfills the promises of the prophets;
Upon him has the Spirit of love decended - to bear witness to
his mission; through his death we are saved; and in his blood
is the new Covenant of the Spirit established...

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: MS. SHELLY HAMILTON

COME TO ME...

Come to me, all of you who are weary from your burdens -
Take my yoke, put it one, you will rise above your worries -
And you will find...Rest for your journey -
And you will learn love - in your time!

I am gentle, I am kind, the yoke I give to you is easy -
The load I put on you is very lite -
You will find that you can see me,
You will find...strength for your journey -
And you --- WILL ... learn love - in our time.

My father sends his light to the world
My father calls you to his kingdom
Learn of me and you will surely learn of Him.
You will find in me his wisdom -
You will find...Light for your journey...
and you ... will ... learn love in your time...

Let us now take a moment and think of those time that we have not loved enough... those times when we have forgotten that we too are searching for the love that is God. Let us remember that anything that we do without love is wrong in the sight of God...

ABSOLUTION: REVEREND DEE JACKSON

...The Scriptures tell us that Christ is the essence of love...That our God sent us Jesus, the Christ, to save and to redeem us in the Spirit that is love. In the love that is Christ - I declare unto us that all of our sins are forgiven.

THE OFFERING: Reverend Michael Nordstrom

Throughout this day, you have heard many speak to the needs of THOSE INDIVIDUAL IN PRISON - THOSE ADDICTED TO DRUGS AND ALCOHOL - THOSE ON OUR COLLEGE CAMPUSUS - THOSE CONFINED TO THE NURSING HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE INCURRABLE BECAUSE THERE IS NO OTHER PLACE FOR THEM IN OUR WORLD.

In a visual way, at this time, I would like to share with you an offering that I received in another part of this country. In December, I was visiting an institution where 37 youngsters were accepted by the staff as members of our community and 16 staff members were openly members of our community. Because of their preceived need - and - not because I requested an offering - these are the items that they put into a box for me:

1. A God's eye.
2. Three small ships.
3. A procedureal manuel that enables me to meet the needs of people in this District by working with various State and Federal Agencies. Kind of a Bible so to speak.

I must admit, there have been times since my visit there that I have thought it would have been nice to receive a little in cash. But, my people shared with me what they had. There is no offering that has had more meaning or personal value to myself than the objects that I have just shared with you. Yet, the last time I tried to take one of the items to the store to buy items that I need in my work, the store-keeper would not accept a God's eye in return for envelopes. Have you ever tried to put a ship - even small ones like these - the slot that a bus token goes in? It's just too big.

My people have shared with me what they have had. They have done so because they recognize the need they have to find the presence of God in their lives. I now ask you to be generous in your support of this District, as all of our works expand here, that we can meet the needs of all of those God sends to our care and keeping!

I am asking now that the regualar offering plates be put away. Today, I would like to use the offering plate given me by another of my kids. She made it that those who have something they wish to offer might have something better to use than a plastic cup. Please support this District that in turn the work that God is calling us too might continue and expand...

THE OFFERING: Reverend Michael Nordstrom

INVITATION TO CONFESSION: Reverend Dee Jackson

ABSOLUTION: Ms. Shelly Hamilton

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND COMMUNION: CONCELEBRATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Reverend Dee Jackson

BENEDICTION: Ms. Shelly Hamilton

CLOSING HYMN: HE'S EVERYTHING TO ME

I. In the stars His handiwork I see -
On the wind He speaks with majesty -
Though He ruleth over land and sea -
What is that to me?

CHORUS: Till by faith I met Him face to face -
And I felt the wonder of His grace -
Then I know that He was more than -
Just a God who didn't care -
That lived a way out there -
And now He walks beside me day by day -
Ever watching o've me least I stray -
Helping me to find that narrow way -
He's everything to me.

II. I will celebrate nativity -
For it has a place in history -
Sure, He came to set His People free -
What is that to me?

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: Reverend Dee Jackson

LET US PRAY: God, we come to you now thanking you for this meal as a reminder of the presence of Jesus Christ our Lord and Brother, still amoung us and in us. Lord we are thankful for this opportunity to come to celebrate the work that has been accomplished. And God, even though it may be painful, we are thankful to be reminded of the work you have for us yet to do. Lord we ask you will bless our search as we reach with in ourselves to find the answers that are already here in us. God, many times it is not easy - but - with your help, we know that we can do it. In the name of our Lord and Brother, Jesus Christ, AMEN.

BENEDICTION: Ms. Shelly Hamilton

SABBATH PRAYER

May the Lord protect and defend you -
May He always shield you from shame -
May you come to be in Paradise a shinning name
May you be like Ruth and like Ester
May you be deservig of praise -
Strengthen them Oh Lord, and keep them from the strangers ways...

May God bless you - and grant you long lives -
May the lord fulfill our morning prayer for you
May god make you be loving and wise
May he send you friends who'll always care for you -
May the lord protect and defend you
May he preserve you from pain -
Favor them o lord, with happiness and peace -
Oh hear our morning prayer for them -

God - may they then reach out and touch me -
and bring me to our home again...

Spirit of God

M.T.W. Miriam Therese Winter

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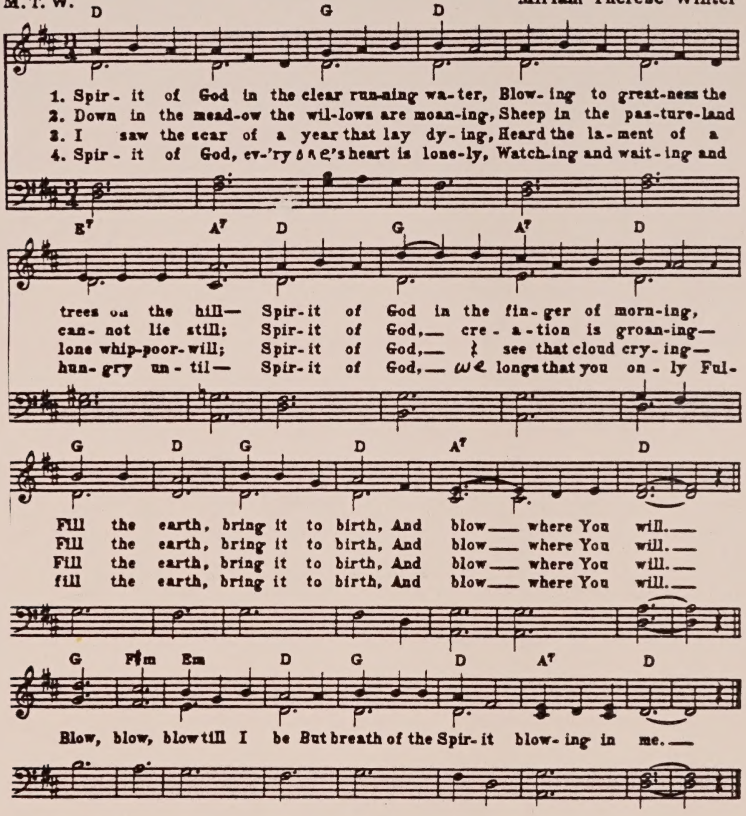

I AM THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE. JOHN 11:25

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February 4, 1977

Dear Marge -

Enclosed is the copy of the Experimental Liturgy I told you I would send you. Efforts have been made to degender it except where he etc refers to Christ or where individual writings are used of dead people.

Your thoughts are welcome - but - please <u>do</u> <u>not</u> share it with others. Experience has proven people get bored reading something for the 2nd time around. This service will be from 3:30 PM to 4:30 pm on Sat Feb 19th.

With Love
Michael

February 19, 1977

Whatsoever You Do to the Least 518

Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you . . . Matt. 25:34

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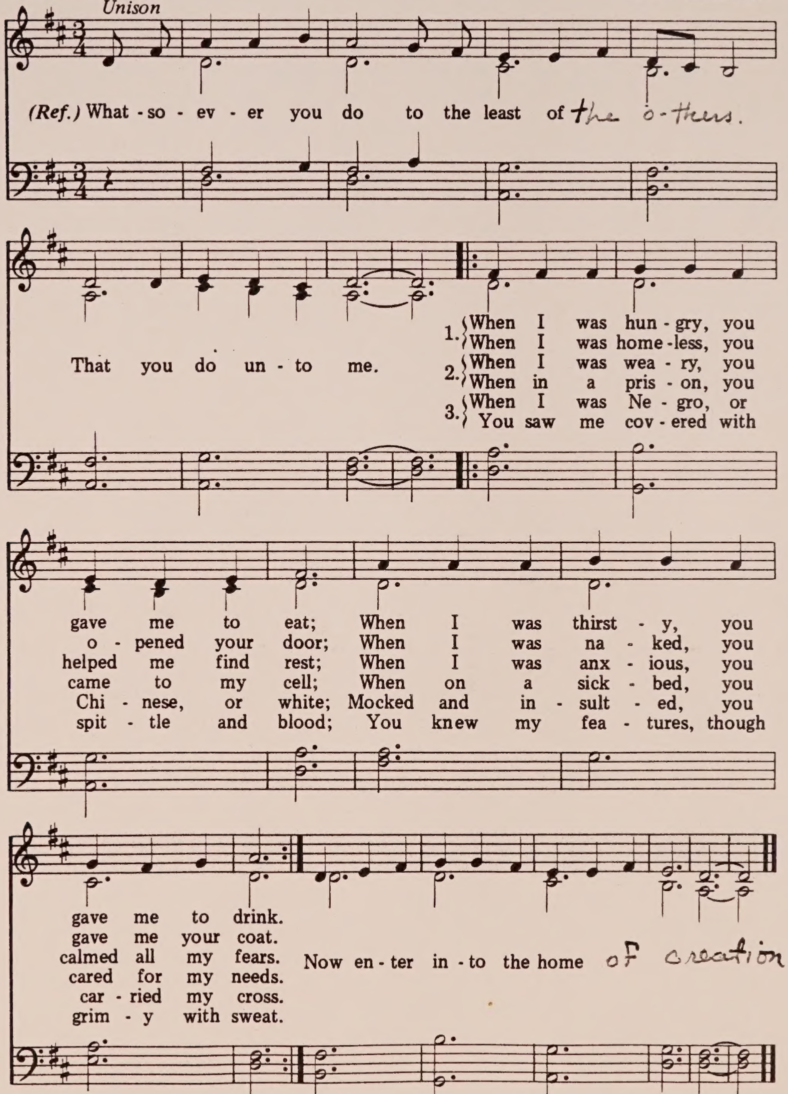

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Let us now rise and proclain the Gospel as we pary that we shall hear it at that time when we shall come face to face with our God:

Our Lord and Brother, Jesus Christ, has told us that whatsoever we have done to the least of his children we have done unto him - but - more importantly, Jesus the Christ tells us that we lie if we say that we have done it for him and have not done it for the least of his children!!!

Today, each of us has brought concepts with us that have worked in helping us to reach the many we are called to serve. We have not brought you solutions. "THE ANSWERS ARE LIVING WITHIN US NOW!!!" True, they can be difficult to see -but- they are there in the presence of the living God within us. It is easiest to find the answers when the Spirit of God living in you makes the effort to reach the spirit of God dwelling in me...

To help us better understand this concept, I turn now to the writtings of yet another. This individual is nameless - all I have are their writings, and this is what a segment says:

"But then comes the morning...
Yesterday's sorrows behind...
Wake, it's the day of your longing...
Life returned..mercy comes...hope is here...it is morning!

Look at him stripped on the hill...
Running the streets poorly clad...
Robots have taken his job...
His hands are outstretched for the nails...
Forgive, Lord, forgive. It was night when we did what we did...

Look at him nailed to the cross...
Nailed by our lack of concern...
Locked and forgotten in jail...
confined to a home for the aged...
Forgive, lord, forgive. It was night when we did what we did...

Look at him die on the cross...
Witness man's cruelty to man...
Cut down like weeds in our wars...
stabbed on the streets where we live...
Forgive, Lord, Forgive, It was night when we did what we did.

The night watch is set at the tomb...
He's buried not dead but alive...
As long as you did it to these...
You also have done it to me...
Forgive Lord, Forgive. It was night when we did what we did.

It is not the voice of the Alcoholic, the Prisoner, the Student, the Aged, the Handicapped or the Terminally-ill...it is the Christ that dwells amoung us and in us...But Remember...

"But then comes the morning...
Yesterday's sorrows behind...
Wake, it's the day of your longing...
Life returned...mercy comes...hope is here...it is morning!!!

THE MESSAGE: Reverend Michael S. Nordstrom

Beloved,

Each individual who has shared with us today has brought more that, due to the limits of time cannot be shared here. There may well be frustration on the part of some - others may be feeling the weight of the discussions of this day. Yet here, may we present a message which we hope will tie all of this day's conference togather for each of us.

There is one premice with which we must begin: "The Spirit of God dwells IN US". If we can but agree with this premice, even for these few moments, then for these moments we must surely realize that that Spirit has all the power of God - and all the answers to all of the concerns that each of us brings to this Conference. If this be true - even for these moments - then we can not but agree that: "THE ANSWER IS LIVING IN US NOW!!!"

Keeping this thought in the back of our minds - let us turn our attention to a brief discussion of "HEALING". As I have worked with those individuals that I believe that God has called me to serve, the most often asked question I hear is: "Why are not all healed?" I have searched the pages of many a book and the lives of many an individual in an effort to learn the answer. I found my answer in what many would consider an unlikely source.

In her book: "God Can Do It Again" Kathrym Kuhlman deals with this question:

> "Why are not all healed? The only honest answer that I can give is: I do not know. And I am afraid of those who claim they do know. For only God knows, and who can fathom the mind of God? Who can understand His reasoning?
>
> I think there are some simple matter we can look into, but, the untimate answer as to who is healed and who is not healed lies with God alone.
>
> Often there are those who come praying for physical healing and they get so caught up in the spiritual impact of the miracle service that they forget about their own need. They soon direct their prayers toward others and begin rejoicing over the miracles that take place. Oddly enough, it is at this precise moment that God chooses to heal - when self is forgotten and God and others come first."

Let us now examine these last words: "...when self is forgotten and God and others come first..." The common thread that ties words of three dead individuals togather is this very fact. Vincent at the age of 18 calls attention to the needs of the Aged...Rosemary in as bad a physical shape as I have seen anyone - reaches out from herself to be her Brother's Keeper...Moria, although blind from birth paints a picture, for me of her God so that I might share in the glory that she sees.

If there is a lesson here, it may be that we are so busy searching for the answers that are right in front of us - we are to busy searching to see them.

LIVING IN US NOW

How many years
must my people exist
before they know
they are one?
How many times
must their blood be shed
before they know
that it's mine?
How many times
Will you break my bread
before you give me to eat?
The answer my friend
is living in us now.
The answer is living in us now.

How many times
must the sick look up
and find there's no one to care?
How many times
must I stumble and fall
before you offer your hand?
How many times
must I reach through these bars
before you hand me the keys?
The answer my friend is living in us now.
The answer is living in us now.

How many branches
still cling to the vine
without their share of its life?
How many people
still pray to their God
with hate in their hearts like a knife?
How many years
will it take till we know
the hurt we cause by our pride?
The answer my friend is living in us now.
The answer is living in us now.

Why cant we sing
a song full of love
in a spirit open to all?
Why can't we have
a world without hate
so no one else has to die?
Why can't we find
somewhere in our lives
the courage we need just to try?
The answer my friend is living in us now.
The answer is living in us now.

COMMENTS: Reverend Michael Nordstrom

Moria Baumann was a 68 year old woman. She was more! For me she was the Spirit of God - a perfect reflection. Moria was born blind and suffered with severe arthritis. "...In the old days..." Moria learned the art of "CAINING" and she taught the deaf-blind individuals this trade from the residence that was also her home. We never met. I was riding on a bus one day wearing my collar and a woman noticed my cane and asked if I had met: "The Moria Baumann"? I said no, and a slip of paper with her telephone number was promtly slapped into my hand. I did not call her right away because I wondered who this newest nut was that I would hear about her on a bus. Finally, I gess, the suspence was killing me and I did call her.

Moria let you know right from the start that she was: "...a proper Luthren woman..." I don't know what a: "...proper Luthren woman..." is but she and I became instant telephone pals...we became friends. At this time, I would like to ask to share a poem with you that Moria wrote to share with me her vision of what God is like...

THE ARTIST - BY: Moria Baumann

The Lord is an Artist beyond compare -
And His colors are shades most rare -
Some for the butterfly's wings -
Some for the morning so fair -

Some are the sea's deep blue -
And the hue of a maiden's eyes -
Some are as red as the reddest rose -
Or the sunset's blazing skies.

Some colors mix in the rainbow's blend,
Some are dark as a raven's wing -
Some are all tawny, and gold, and gray -
As the mockingbird on the wing.

I watched as he painted alone one day -
Each stroke was a human soul -
That sped away to do his will -
And find its ultimate goal.

Whom are you painting now, I asked -
Looking up at his gentle face.
Watching the sureness of each stroke,
Knowing his love and his grace.
This one is you, My child, he said.
And your tasks are not easy, you know,
But, follow My Will in all things - and then -
Return in the sunset's glow!

died -
November 1976

Incidently, my brailled copy of the "Lord is my Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay" which was loaned to Moria, was never returned - It is nice to know that it found a place in the home of this "...proper Luthren woman..."

HYMN: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

I. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord. -

CHORUS: Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove -
Stay right here with us - Filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings - We lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know - that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place...

II. There are blessings you cannot receive -
Till you know God in God's fullness and believe -
You're the one to profit when you say -
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

III. If you say He saved you from your sin -
Now you're weak - you're bound and cannot enter in -
You can make it right if you will yeild -
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

COMMENTS: Reverend Michael Nordstrom

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Rosemary Fricke was the first blind-multiple sclrosis victim I had ever met. Our meeting was literally unique. We were both visiting an institution and she was in her wheel chair that was being pulled by her seeing-eye dog. Some how I did not see her or the dog, and fell right inbetween them. Rosemary was then 38. She was living at home with her very overprotective mother. Rosemary had a zest for life. She wanted to have a chance to be around people of "...her own age and kind..." We were not able to answer her need. It has always been my deep regret that there is no recording of her reading the following hymn on tape. At this time, I would like to ask to share the words with us that were spoken to me in a manner that will long live in my heart.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

I. Am I my brother's keeper? - The muttered cry was drowned
By Abel's life-blood shouting - In silence from the ground.
For no man is an island - Devided from the main -
The bell which tolled for Abel - Tolled equally for Cain.

II. The ruler called for water - And thought his hands were clean.
Christ counted less than order, The man than the machine.
The crowd cried "Crucify him" - Their malice wouldn't budge -
So Pilate called for water - And History's his judge.

III. As long as people hunger - As long as people thirst -
And ignorance and illness - And warfare do their worst -
As long as there's injustice - In any of God's lands -
I am my brother's keeper - I dare not wash my hands. Amen!

No, Rosemary never had the opportunity to speak these words to anyone but myself - and - herself. A wishful thought - or - a statement of belief? -- Only God knows!!!

Died July '76

HYMN: SPIRIT OF GOD

I. Spirit of God in the clear running water,
Blowing to greatness - the trees on the hill -
Spirit of God in the finger of morning.

CHORUS: Fill the earth, bring it to birth,
And Blow where You will.Blow
Blow, blow, blow till I be but breath of the Spirit
Blowing in me.

II. Down in the meadow, the willows are moaning,
Sheep in the pasture land cannot lie still,
Spirit of God creation is groaning.

III. I saw the scar of a year that lay dying,
Heard the lament of a lone whipper will;
Spirit of God - I see that cloud crying.

IV. Spirit of God, every one's heart is lonely,
Watching and waiting and hungry until
Spirit of God we long that you only - Ful-

COMMENTS: REVEREND MICHAEL NORDSTROM

COMMENTS: Reverend Michael Nordstrom

The words of the Hymn that we have just finished singing are words that will make some happy in this day and age when all are making the effort to de-sex our Liturgy. But the hymn does more...

Lady of Birth addresses the idea of our having a preconcieved notion of what and whom God really is. In view of our meetings this day and the nature of this very Worship Service, I would now like to request that Ms. Marge Ragona read for us what one young man was in search of up to the time of his death in April of 1975:

MS. MARGE RAGONA

CHILDREN OF GOD: (damn it, Church, listen)

LISTEN CHURCH! I was quiet and hurting (not enough) but now I'm mad!
Listen Church! - to the silences of tired, old faithful - not so faithful - people - children of God, you sid, since baptism.
What's there to listen to you say? Those old ones don't sing - they don't pray out loud - they don't respond to what we have to offer. BUT - they cry; I hear them cry.
They cry because they are lonely and hurt and want attention - like children - children of God.
HEY! CHURCH PRIESTS - tell me what is it you want them to respond ? Don't tell me Christ and hide behind him. Christ is exactly what they do expect of you - but - you give them your enlightened concept of Christ.
THEIR CHRIST was drawn on a holy card years ago when they were young and sang and prayed - just as they were taught and this is the Christ they want. - But - that is using the mass - its sentimental - it's almost sacrilidgeous. Use the mass? You're (damn) right: use it as a gift. Mass - symbol of God with his people - his dumb tired old children of God.
Don't give them what you've discovered or nothing. Give them comfort understanding, patience, a little holy water, a blessing; give them the mass.
Unite them with the Church that was and the Church that is - and the Church that will pass away.
Give them this most familiar symbol of love - God's love - the Churches love - the peoples love - and then reach out and touch them - learn - learn of an old Child's love.

The above was used at a Memorial Service for an 18 year old young man who was as much a member of one of our Churches as any other. Vincent Carl Sampere, Jr. did not write these words - he simeply knew their meaning...

HYMN: LADY OF BIRTH

I. In the dawn of the ages - God created the earth
To all the creatures she gave birth,
To the birds in the sky, to the deer in the wood,
And God said: " It is good, it is good."

CHORUS: One God and Mother of us all,
Creator of all things - large and small,
We praise your name in all the earth,
And we worship you, O Lady of Birth.

II. In the dew of the morning all God's work has been done,
But, she said to herself with the rising of the sun,
"Only one thing is lacking on the earth so wide,
"'Tis the children of earth walking by my side.

III. She reached down and gathered up the clay in her hands,
And she shaped them - a woman and a man -
She breathed into each of them a life giving soul,
And she gave each a striving to be whole.

IV. Tell me, are you astonished that we tell such a tale,
Or do you think that God is only male?
Then, remember our symbols cannot touch God at all,
And we've made God a man ever since the fall.

COMMENTS: REVEREND MICHAEL NORDSTROM

NORTHEAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE - UFMCC
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
February 18 - 20, 1977

EXPERIMENTAL LITURGY
Saturday - February 19, 1977
3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

OPENING HYMN: LORD OF THE DANCE

I. I danced in the morning when the earth was begun,
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

CHORUS: Dance - then - wherever you may be.
I am the Lord of the Dance said He.
And I'll lead you all whereever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said he.

II. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee.
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.
I danced for the fishermen for James and John,
They came with me and the dance went on.

III. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
The holy people said it was a shame.
They whipped and they stripped and the hung me high,
And they left me there on a cross to die.

IV. I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
But, I am the dance and I still go on.

V. They cut me down and I leap up high.
I am the dance that'll never never die,
I'll live in you, if you'll live in me.
I am the Lord of the dance said He.

CALL TO WORSHIP: REVEREND DEE JACKSON

Why are we gathered at this time and place?
We are gathered as the people of God - to hold before us the mirror of the world, and the mirror that is Jesus Christ our Saviour. And with these mirrors to see ourselves as we are and should be.
Come Holy Spirit! Inspire us in this Hour of Worship -
Inspire us so that we can breathe new life into old dreams.
So that we can lose ourselves to find ourselves,
So that we can love without counting the cost - Come Holy Spirit.

HymnSing: #382 Jesus Keeps Me Singing
383 Saved, Saved, Saved
402 Since Jesus came into my heart

Invocation:

Responsive Reading:

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet sing praises for the help of my God.

Yet the Lord will command lovingkindness in the daytime, and I shall hear God's song in the nighttime, and my prayer will go up to the God of my life.

I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of my enemy?

As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me; while they say daily unto me, Where is thy God?

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: For I shall yet praise the Lord who is the health of my countenance and my God.

From Psalm 42.

Hymn: #14 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture:Luke 6: 40-49
I Peter1:3-9

Hymn: #92 The Solid Rock

Sermon: The Three Little Pigs

Hymn: #372: I am Resolved

Announcements

Prayer Requests

Prayer Hymn: #471 Near to the Heart of God

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

*DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give.
That we in love with God may live. Amen

*HYMN - "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer of Confession
Silent Meditation
Prayer of Assurance

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Minister: Lift up your hearts.
Poeple: We lift them up to the Lord.
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF ACCESS AND CONSECRATION
THE BREAKING OF BREAD/THE BLESSING OF WINE
THE INVITATION AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

Response: "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"

Benediction

HYMN: Blessed be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love.
The Fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above. Amen

Postlude

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WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH - WESTCHESTER STUDY GROUP
We are happy to welcome you to this our very first service as a group. Please know how happy we are to have you worship with us. We hope that we will be back in two weeks for another worship experience. If you are interested in becoming a Charter Member of MCC-Westchester, please speak to the Worship Coordinator after the service. Visitors cards will be made available during the announcment period. Please fill one out and you will receive a copy of our new publication, The Daystar.

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Worship Coordinator - Marge Ragona   Today's Assistant-John Milne
Lay Coordinator - Ann Citriniti   Pianist - Jean Gralley

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Our first organizational meeting and business meeting will be held immediately following the service. Please stay for this important meeting.

UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

Westchester Study Group

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 14, 1976
Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP
We are children of God. We stand in communion with all people everywhere. We come to this place today to hear again of God's love for us that calls to a transforming care that reaches around the world.

Invocation

*HYMN -"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Welcome and Announcements

*Responsive Reading
GLORIA: Glory be to the Lord God, And to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*HYMN -"Standing on the Promises"

Reading from the Scriptures

Sermon — Ms. Marge Ragona
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Invitation HYMN "Just As I Am"

Community Prayer
The Lord's Prayer: Our Lord in Heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Hymn "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 27, 1976

LAST SUNDAY: Our attendance was 133. Our offering was $345.63. We need $462 a week in order to meet our budget. Is your pledge paid up? Can you help more? Summer is coming and our attendance usually drops, but expenses go on. Will you help?

THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTE of MCC-NewYork has signed up 33 voters to date. We will continue to hold voter registration this Sunday during the coffee hour. Exercise a right you don't have to fight for. REGISTER TO VOTE.

PUBLICATION TABLE needs help in setting up and dismantling. See Danny Ventrelli at the coffee hour.

UFMCC GENERAL CONFERENCE is August 10-15. You have probably received a flyer in the mail with a tear off coupon. Please return it and your check to the church office if you are planning to attend -- S O O N.

ALTAR FLOWERS. If you are interested in making a donation towards the purchase of altar flowers for the Gay Pride Service on June 27th, please see Tony Gonzalez tonight during the coffee hour.

DINNER IN CELEBRATION OF GAY LOVE will be held on Thursday June 24th at 8:00pm in the gym. If you plan to attend, please bring a dish for 4, or please contribute $2 towards cost of food. Please see Bob Hecht at the coffee hour for more information. If you wish to make reservations, please call the church office at 691-7428.

PRAYER LIST includes Michael Dain, recovering at home (1530 Sheridan Avenue, Bronx, N.Y. 10457. John Devers, recovering at home (230 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10024. Burt Dagmar, Belen Martinez and Juan Diaz are also recovering at home. John Loeth has been hospitalized at St. Vincent's Hospital in the St. Joseph's Ward. Please keep our brothers and sisters who are ill in prayer.

God's Littlest Children Need You; We need people to help with the nursery during Sunday service. If you can help please contact Mary Stevens after service at the coffee hour.

MCC Youth recreation activities for the month of July are being planned, for more infomation please see Lenny Palmeri or Lupe Martinez.

Psalm 9:1-4, 9&10

L: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole
heart;
I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds.

P: I will be glad and exult in thee,
I will sing praise to thy Name, O Most High.

L: When my enemies turned back,
they stumbled and perished before thee.

P: For thou hast maintained my just cause;
thou hast sat on the throne giving righteous
judgment.

L: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

ALL: And those who know thy Name put their trust in thee,
for thou, O Lord, hast not forsaken those who
seek thee.

*L: Leader
P: People

We Are One In Christ.

"One Lord . . . One faith . . . One baptism."

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THE REV. GILBERT H. LINCOLN

June 20, 1976
The Second Sunday After Pentecost

7 P.M. Worship and Eucharist

Prelude: Praeludium II (Mendelssohn) Walter Janes

*HYMN· No. 356 "O Zion, Haste"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (Unison)

Speak to us, O God, your living Word in Christ; and, that we may speak that redemptive Word to your world, in your Name, fill us with the courage of love, the joy of hope and the power of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

The Lesson: Esther 4:11-14

*HYMN: No. 347 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:6-17

**Psalm 9:1-4, 9&10 (Responsively)

**The Gospel: Luke 12:3-8 In Spanish and in English

*Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Lord God, and to the Christ,
and to the Holy Ghost!
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon: "Out of the closet, onto the roof" The Rev. Gilbert Lincoln

Community Prayer (If the Spirit of God moves you to pray aloud, please do)

WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory: "My Lord What A Morning"

* Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give,
that we in love with God may live. Amen.

*HYMN: No. 354 "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

O Lord, from all our sins we turn to You in sorrow and repentance. Receive us again into the Arms of your mercy and help us to always live, speak and act as witnesses of your love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your Hearts.
People: We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Lord in heaven, holy be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE INVITATION AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

At the Communion, Hymns #236 "Jesus Is Calling" 228 "Softly and Tenderly"

*Alleluia....I will praise God....Alleluia....Thank you Jesus....

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, You have accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*HYMN: Blessed be the tie that binds, Our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds, Is like to that above. Amen.

Postlude: War March of the Priests (Mendelssohn) Walter Janes

NOTE: * The congregation may join in the singing.
** The congregation is requested to stand.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE COFFEE HOUR DOWNSTAIRS, DIRECTLY AFTER THE SERVICE

WELCOME TO THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. We are happy to have you worship with us. Know you are welcome today and everday. If you are interested in membership in MCC, or in learning further about the Fellowship, please attend the Inquirers Class or speak to the Pastor or an exhorter of the church. Visitors cards will be made available to you during the announcement period. We encourage you to fill one out and place it in the offering plate.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday:
2:00pm Prison Ministry
5:15pm Inquirers Class
5:30pm Choir Rehearsal
5:45pm Children's Sunday School
6:45pm Singspiration
7:00pm Worship and Eucharist
Coffee hour after the service

Tuesday: 7:30pm Women's Rap
Wednesday: 6:30pm Christian Ed.
6:30pm Women's Basketball
7:30pm Alcoholics Together
8:00pm Midweek Service
Thursday: 7:30pm Men's Rap
7:30pm Third World Women's Rap

The Rev. Gilbert H. Lincoln, Pastor Designate

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The Lord Be With You

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WESTCHESTER STUDY GROUP
ORDER OF WORSHIP
May 23, 1976

CALL TO WORSHIP:
We are children of God. We stand in communion with all people everywhere. We come to this place today to hear again of God's love for us that calls to a transforming care that reaches around the world.

Invocation

HYMN: "Love Divine"

Welcmme & Announcements

Responsive Reading
Gloria: Glory be to the Lord God, And to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

Reading from the Scriptures

Sermon: Ms. Marge Ragona
Invitation to Christian Discipleship
Invitation Hymn: "Pass Me Not"

Community Prayer:
The Lord's Prayer: Our Lord in Heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship through our Tithes and Offerings:
Offertory HYMN:

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give.
That we in love with God may live. Amen.

HYMN: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Celebration of the Eucharist:
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WELCOME TO METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH -WESTCHESTER STUDY GROUP
We are happy to welcome you to this worship service. We hope you will be back with us in two weeks at this location. Very soon now we will begin worshipping at Grace Episcopal Church in White Plains. If you are interested in knowing where we will be and when, please fill out a visitors' card. Our publication, the <u>Daystar</u> (or the Plain Path -- we haven't decided yet) will be out sometime in June. If you would like to be a charter member of MCC-Westchester, please speak to the Worship Coordinator.

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Worship Coordinator: Marge Ragona Pianist: Jean Gralley
Communion Assistant: Carol Basen

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Is anyone interested in representing MCC-Westchester on the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee-76. If so, please speak to Marge about it.

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WESTCHESTER STUDY GROUP
ORDER OF WORSHIP
April 11, 1976
PALM SUNDAY

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift up your heads, O ye Gates, and be ye lifted up, Ye everlasting doors! And the King of Glory shall enter. Who is the King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory!

HYMN:" All Hail The Power"

Invocation

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading - 2 Cor. 4:7-11, 14-18

Gloria: Glory be to the Lord God, and to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost.
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World without end. Amen. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Reading from the Scripture: Luke 19-28-40

Sermon: Of Palms and Pussy Willows — Marge Ragona

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Invitation Hymn: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

Community Prayer - followed by the Lord's Prayer

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WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Jesus Christ and in him grow.
Praise to the Holy Spirit give.
That we in love with God may live. Amen.

HYMN: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

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We are happy to have you join us at WESPAC for our first service in this location. The Sunday after Easter will begin our weekly services at this location until we can find a church. We are in contact with one church where the possibilities are favorable. Until then we will meet here at 2:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a Charter Member of MCC-Westchester, please speak to the Worship Coordinator after the service.

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Music Committee is needed to help us provide musical accompaniment while we are at WESPAC. If you play the guitar or some other suitable instrument please see Jean Gralley after the service.

If you are going to be in New York City during the week, there will be services at MCC on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (noon) for Holy Week. Also Easter Sunday at 7:00 p.m. Marge Ragona will be leading (with Rev. Ed Egan) on Thursday and Friday. Easter Sunday we will be at Athol, N.Y. at "A Woman's Place" doing a special Sunrise Service and workshops on Women in Religion.

April 24,25 is the MCC Northeast District Christian Education Conference at Hartford. You are invited to attend. See Marge .

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

WESTCHESTER STUDY GROUP

ORDER OF WORSHIP
March 28, 1976
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude — Jean Gralley

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are children of God. We stand in communion with all people everywhere. We come to this place today to hear of God's love for us that calls us to a transforming care that reaches around the world.

Invocation

HYMN - "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (No. 55)

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Reading

GLORIA: Glory be to the Lord God, And to the Christ
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

HYMN - "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

Reading from the Scriptures - Psalm 137:1-6

Sermon: I AM PERSUADED — Marge Ragona

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Invitation Hymn: "Now I'm Coming Home"

Community Prayer - followed by the Lord's Prayer

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WORSHIP THROUGH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" — Jean Gralley

DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
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HYMN: "There is a Green Hill Far Away" (No. 414)

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Response: "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

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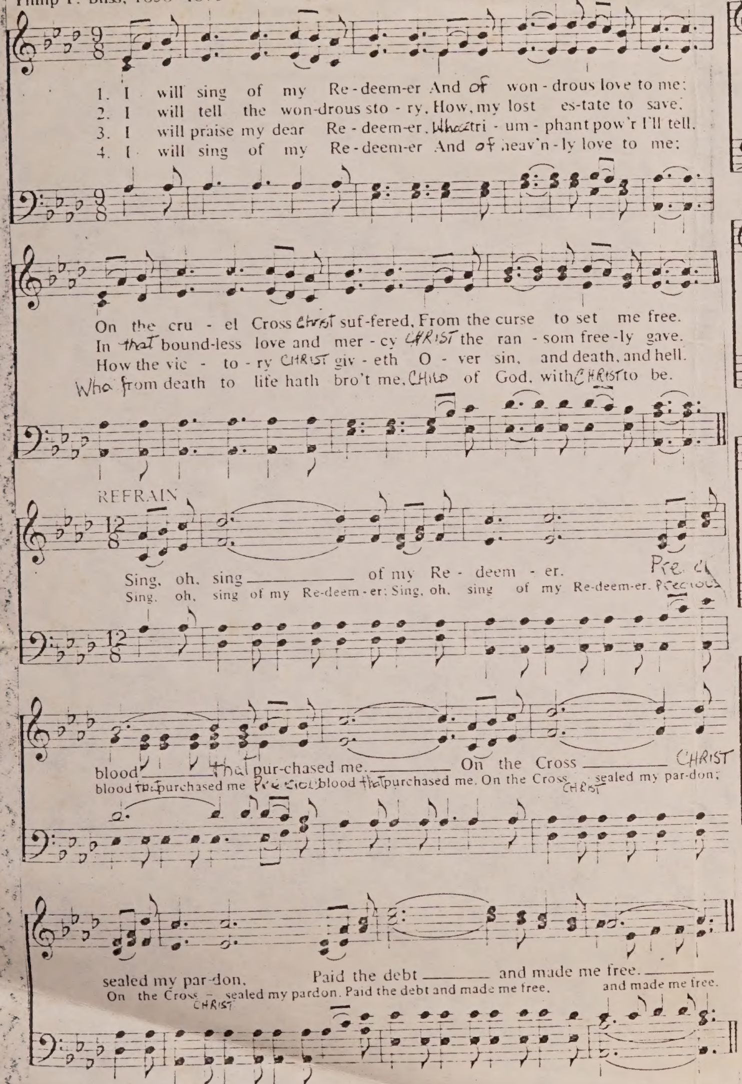
SEARCH COMMITTEE is desperately needed to assist in finding space for our fledgling MCC in the Westchester area. We would like to stay in White Plains, since it is centrally located. Will you help

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876 — James McGranahan, 1840-1907



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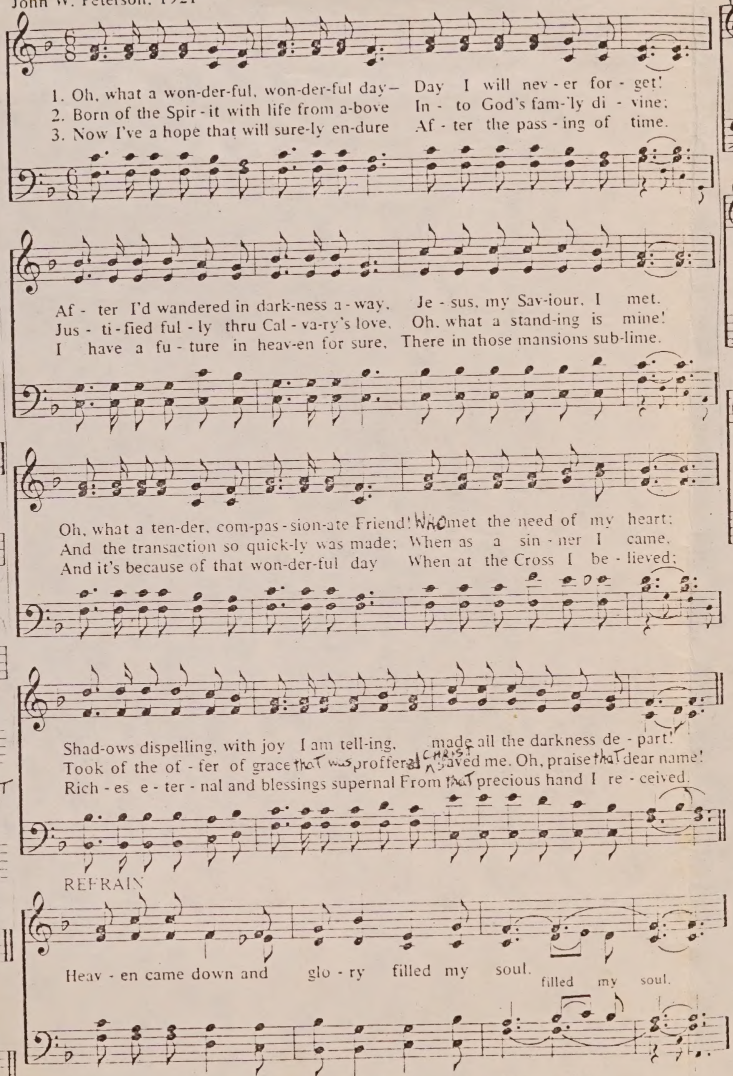
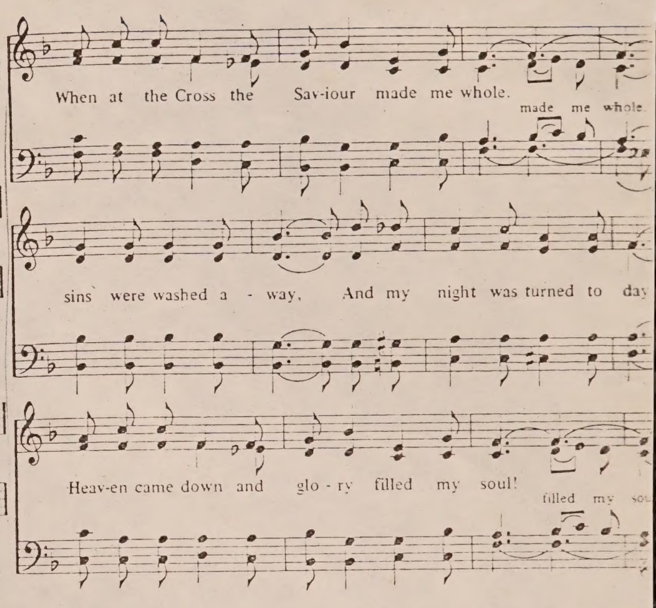
John W. Peterson, 1921- — John W. Peterson, 1921-





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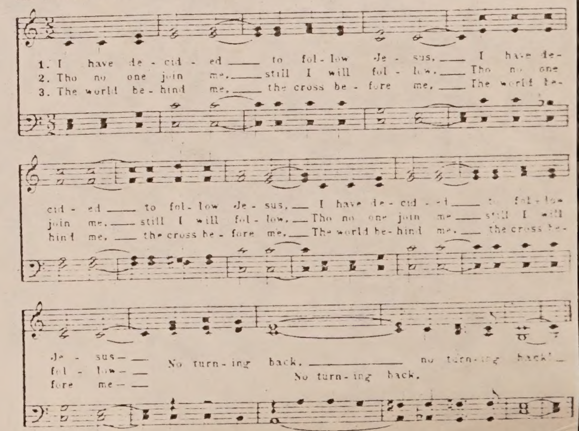
I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

An Indian Prince



A WOMAN'S PLACE
Athol, New York

April 18,1976
Easter Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

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HYMN: "Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: "Christ, Our Passover"

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Hymn: "O Day of Resurrection "

READING OF THE EASTER STORY FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Meditation

Community Prayer - followed by the Lord's Prayer

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, whose dearly beloved Jesus was greeted by the crowd on Olivet with Hallelujahs, but who in that same week was mocked as he went to the cross: Forbid that our parise to him should be in words only. Pardon us who often close the gates of our lives against the entrance of Christ's spirit; forgive our love of self which does not allow him to lead us in a larger life; deliver us from ambitions and rivalries that will not allow Him to lead us. Save us from the hypocrisy that sings Hosanna in the church and cries Crucify in the streets. Deliver us from the treason that boasts loyalty in the upper room but makes cowardly denial in our everyday lives. When the palms have withered, the songs are quiet, the streets empty, may we find ourselves at the end of the day still with Thee. Amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

Edward Perronet, 1726 - 1792
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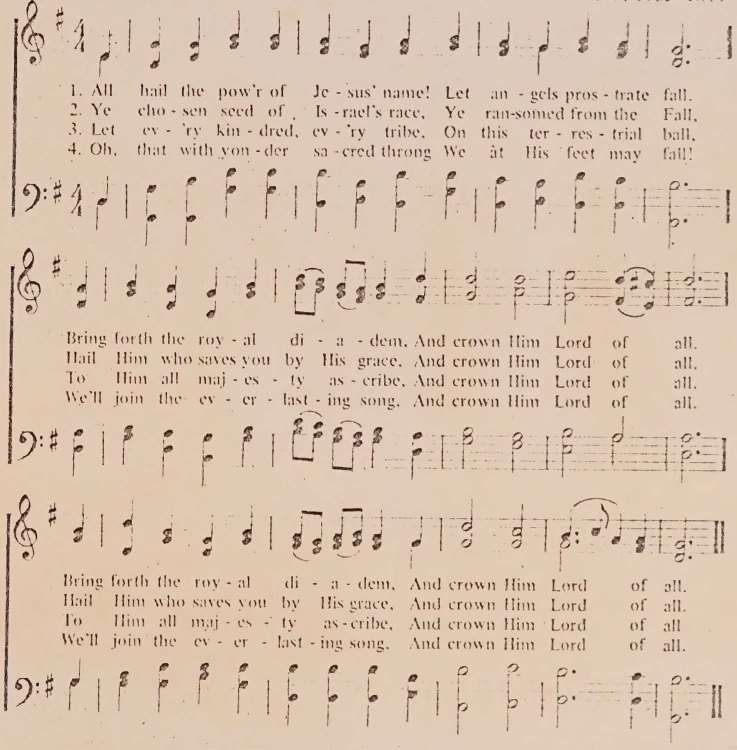

RESPONSIVE READING

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

<u>We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair</u>.

Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed.

<u>Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body</u>.

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

<u>Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us up also by Jesus, and shall present us with you</u>.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the Glory of God.

<u>For which case we faint not; but though our outward person perish, yet the inward is renewed day by day</u>.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

<u>While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal</u>.

II Corinthians 4:7-11,14-1

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that God--Creator, Redeemer and Life Giver -- summons the Church to mission in the world.

-- To witness by word and deed to God's revelation in Christ and the acts of love by which God reconciles us.

-- To evoke in us the personal response of repentence and faith through which we can find newness of life in loving relationships with God and with our brothers and sisters everywhere.

-- To bring us together into a Christian community of worship and love, and to send us forth into the world as servants in the struggle for meaning and justice.

-- To move us to live in awareness of the life-giving power of God's presence, in acknowledgement of God's rule over history and in the confident expectation of the final completion of God's purpose.

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Hymn: "O Day of Resurrection "

READING OF THE EASTER STORY FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Meditation

Community Prayer - followed by the Lord's Prayer

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Money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven
Nor your home on high

So amid the conflict,
Whether great or small
Do not be discouraged
God is over all.
Count your many blessings;
Angels will attend
Help and comfort give you
To your journey's end.

Chorus:
Count your blessings; Name them one by one
Count your blessings; See what God hath done.
Count your blessings; Name them one by one
Count your many blessings; See what God hath done.

A WOMAN'S PLACE
Athol, New York

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Easter Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come in the name of One who was no stranger to sorrow and who knew death, so that we might more fully know life. God, who burst open Jesus' tomb, break open the tombs of indifference and despair that too often trap our lives. Release us to freedom and let us live, alive in the wonder of your love, revealing your presence everywhere.

HYMN: "Christ,the Lord, is Risen Today"

Invocation

Responsive Reading: "Christ,Our Passover"

Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore, celebrate the festival,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

So you must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For, as by one person came death, so by one person has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. (I Cor.5:7-8,Rom.6:9-11, I Cor.15:20-22)

Gloria: Glory be to the Lord God, and to the Christ
And to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, Is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith:

I believe in the Living God, the Parent of all humankind, who creates and maintains the universe in power and in love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate on Earth, who showed us by his words and work, suffering with others, conquest of death, what human life ought to be, and what God is like.

I believe that the Spirit of God is present with us now and always, and can be experienced in prayer, in forgiveness, in the Word, in the Sacraments, in community, and in all that we do. Amen.

Hymn: "O Day of Resurrection "

READING OF THE EASTER STORY FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Meditation

Community Prayer - followed by the Lord's Prayer

Our Lord in Heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the test, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer of Confession:

God, we come before you knowing we have tried to hide from you, from one another, from ourselves. Somehow we have felt that by depending upon our own powers alone we could solve the problems of life. We have tried to escape by withdrawing from the difficult, challenging, crucifying experiences of life. We have strayed far from the fulness of life you intend for us. Forgive us our self-centeredness, our pride and weakness, our blindness. Have mercy on us, that we may become new people: So be it.

SILENT MEDITATION ** WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER OF ACCESS AND CONSECRATION

BREAKING OF BREAD/BLESSING OF WINE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

Response: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

BENEDICTION